

Origin of Life and Organic Evolution MCQ Question Answer

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Question: 1. Survival due to geographic isolation is best exemplified by mammalian fauna of

- Option A. Oriental region
- Option B. Ethiopian region
- Option C. Australian region
- Option D. Palaearctic region

Question: 2. Amphibians appeared and became dominant in the

- Option A. Mesozoic era
- Option B. Coenozoic era
- Option C. Palaeozoic era
- Option D. None of these

Question: 3. The resemblance between the south American llama and the African camel indicates a common ancestry. This is

- Option A. homological evidence for evolution
- Option B. palaentological evidence for evolution
- Option C. biogeographic evidence for evolution
- Option D. none of these

Question: 4. Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny is the statement relating to

- Option A. morphology
- Option B. physiology
- Option C. taxonomy
- Option D. embryology

Question: 5. The study of Galapagos Finches shows

- Option A. adaptive radiation
- Option B. adaptive convergence
- Option C. use and disuse of organs
- Option D. none of these

Question: 6. Species were regarded as unchangeable by

- Option A. Lamarck
- Option B. Morgan
- Option C. Charles Darwin
- Option D. Many biologists of 19th century

Question: 7. Fossil Archaeopteryx was discovered and preserved as

- Option A. a petrified specimen
- Option B. a mineralised specimen
- Option C. a mould
- Option D. embedded in amber

Question: 8. The concept of use and disuse of organs was given by

- Option A. Darwin
- Option B. Wallace
- Option C. Mendel
- Option D. Lamarck

Question: 9. Along with reduction in the number of toes in the modern horse, the other most significant evolutionary change is

- Option A. increase in the size of eyes
- Option B. increase in the size of brain
- Option C. straightening of back
- Option D. change in dentition from browsing to grazing

Question: 10. The age of a fossil may be determined most accurately

- Option A. by comparing it to living similar forms
- Option B. by radioactive dating
- Option C. by rate of erosion of the strata
- Option D. from the depth of strata at which it is found

Question: 11. The book "Voyage of the Beagle" is concerned with which one of the following ?

- Option A. Lamarckism
- Option B. Theory of natural selection
- Option C. Bird flight mechanisms
- Option D. Both and

Question: 12. The earliest ancestor of horse from early Eocene period is

- Option A. miobibbus
- Option B. eohippus
- Option C. merychippus
- Option D. pliohippus

Question: 13. An animal is more likely to be preserved as a fossil if it contains large quantities of

- Option A. cartilage and bone
- Option B. proteins
- Option C. inorganic materials
- Option D. keratin materials

Question: 14. Darwin proposed his theory of natural selection on the basis of

- Option A. Mutation
- Option B. Environmental factors
- Option C. Lamarck's theory
- Option D. Chromosomal aberrations

Question: 15. A connecting link between Annelids and Arthropods is

- Option A. Peripatus
- Option B. Palaemon
- Option C. Limulus
- Option D. Heteronereis

Question: 16. Which of the following gases were absent in free form when life originated on earth?

- Option A. Oxygen
- Option B. Hydrogen
- Option C. Methane
- Option D. Ammonia

Question: 17. Role of isolation in evolution is

- Option A. differentiation of species
- Option B. maintenance of species
- Option C. evolutionary divergence
- Option D. extermination of species

Question: 18. The idea of "Survival of fittest" was given by

- Option A. Darwin
- Option B. Herbert Spencer
- Option C. Malthus
- Option D. Lovell

Question: 19. The recent ancestors of modern man were

- Option A. Java Ape and Peking man
- Option B. Peking man and Rhodesian man
- Option C. Cromagnon man and Rhodesian man
- Option D. Cromagnon man and Neanderthal man

Question: 20. Fossilisation occurs where

- Option A. animals are destroyed by environment
- Option B. animals are destroyed by scavengers
- Option C. animals are buried by natural processes
- Option D. organisms are buried and preserved by natural processes

Question: 21. The fossil formed from harder parts of the body infiltrated by minerals and turned into stony shapes is

- Option A. moulds
- Option B. coprolites
- Option C. petrified
- Option D. cast

Question: 22. Appearance of ancestral characters in the new born, such as tail, monstral face, gill slits, multiple mammae etc. are known as

- Option A. homologous
- Option B. analagous
- Option C. ativistic
- Option D. vestigeal

Question: 23. Which is a vestigeal organ of python

- Option A. Nose
- Option B. Scales
- Option C. Teeth
- Option D. Hindlimbs

Question: 24. The function affected by point mutation in p-globin in sickle cell anaemia is

- Option A. protein folding
- Option B. transcriptional control
- Option C. nonsense mutation
- Option D. none of these

Question: 25. Human beings living in different geographical areas and under different environmental conditions are kept under one species because

- Option A. they show adaptive variations to their environment
- Option B. they share the common karyotype
- Option C. they can freely interbreed and share a common gene pool
- Option D. their features are different yet they are similar essentially

Question: 26. A kind of mimicry which presumably works as a double insurance is

- Option A. batesian mimicry
- Option B. mullerian mimicry
- Option C. warning colouration
- Option D. concealing colouration

Question: 27. Some of the important evidences of organic evolution are

- Option A. occurrence of homologous and vestigeal organs
- Option B. occurrence of analogous and vestigial organs

Option C. occurrence of homologous and analogous organs

Option D. occurrence of analogous oragans only

Question: 28. The first mammal arose

Option A. after the extinction of dinosaurs

Option B. before the origin of dinosaurs

Option C. along with dinosaurs

Option D. from the dinosaurs

Question: 29. Fire was first used for protection and cooking by

Option A. Java man

Option B. Neanderthal man

Option C. Peking man

Option D. Cromagnon man

Question: 30. An example of analogy is

Option A. wings of a bird and butterfly

Option B. wings of pigeon and bat

Option C. limbs of horse and man

Option D. paddles of dolphin and fins of a fish

Answer Sheet

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